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HUGHES SPENDS BUSY YEAR WITH U. S. PROBLEMS

Labeled as "Worker" When He Entered Cabinet, Has Settled Many Disputes.

By HARRY L. ROGERS,
International News Service.

"Hughes is a worker." This remark, attributed to a former Secretary of State when the news of the selection of Charles E. Hughes as head of the Harding Cabinet, was announced, is said to be justified by his friends in reviewing activities of the State Department during the year just ended.

Apart from the achievements of the conference on the limitation of armament, which from the point of view of ground covered is unprecedented in diplomatic history, Secretary Hughes has settled and defined the American attitude on a dozen questions of outstanding international significance.

When the new Secretary of State assumed office he inherited a series of problems from the Wilson Administration which were almost unprecedented in size and importance. The first of these to require attention was the disagreement between Panama and Costa Rica over the boundary between the two countries. The Department of State dispatched identical notes on March 5 urging the immediate cessation of hostilities in order that an appropriate settlement might be arrived at in accordance with the decision of Chief Justice White, who acted as arbitrator in the case.

Tells Russian Stand.
The action of Secretary Hughes in the Russian situation made this Government's attitude very clear. A cablegram was transmitted to Max Litvinoff, in which sympathy was expressed for the plight of the people of Russia and the condition laid down that this Government would receive convincing evidence of fundamental changes in Soviet practice for the protection of persons and property.

Hunger Aides Policy.
When it seemed that all American efforts would be frustrated the growing hunger of the Russian people forced the Soviet Government to appeal to the United States for food. Then it was that the American Government, through Secretary Hoover, made the release of American prisoners the sine qua non of American famine relief and the prisoners were promptly freed.

Perhaps one of the most difficult diplomatic tasks which Secretary Hughes successfully tackled was that of acting as mediator in the German reparations tangle. When Germany got behind in her reparations payments and France was threatening the Ruhr, the German President appealed directly to Washington.

Aids Ruhr Settlement.
In his reply, Secretary Hughes invited Germany to present any concrete proposals for adjustment of the reparations difficulty, promising to transmit them to the allied governments. While this proposal was never carried through, it is generally admitted that the American position had much to do with bringing about the temporary settlement which followed.

Another difficult question was that of American representation on the various international councils and commissions which grew out of the war. Mr. Hughes laid down the policy of American participation in strictly economic European matters whenever it was deemed that the United States had a direct interest in their settlement.

Treaty With Germany.
Later Mr. Hughes worked out a treaty with Germany which secured to America all rights ceded under the treaty of Versailles. A similar treaty was negotiated with Austria and Hungary.

The action by Mr. Hughes which attracted probably greatest attention at foreign capitals was that respecting mandates. In identical notes, Mr. Hughes brought to a standstill negotiations which had been in progress for more than a year. He stated emphatically that the United States had a co-equity in the mandated territories ceded to the allies by Germany, that those mandates grew out of the common victory over Germany, to which the United States had contributed in goodly measure, and he ended with a declaration that this Government would never recognize the right of the allies to dispose of those mandates without consulting this Government.

The unmistakable nature of this note did away with any idea allied statesmen may have had of running their little show without the United States, and undoubtedly paved the way for the arms conference.

Mexican Question.
Though the Mexican question is still far from settled, it is generally admitted that the clear statement by Mr. Hughes of the attitude of this Government toward Mexico and the conditions upon which this Government is prepared to recognize the Obregon regime has done much to clarify a situation which previously was far from clear.

The famous Yap controversy gradually evolved into a controversy between the United States and Japan, with the allies as onlookers. As a

The Latest Word from Paris

By Marie Suzanne

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It would be quite a problem to place one's finger on a definite silhouette or a particular length of coat and say "This typifies the spring tailor." So far the openings have given a wide diversity of choice.



Bolero and paletot, the coat bloused low on the hips and girdled in crepe, coats fitted but without belts. Coats with wide sleeves, sleeves that are narrow and three-piece tailleur whose coats have no sleeves at all, but permit the brilliant crepe sleeves of the bodice to serve in their stead. The coat of an attractive tailor in biele rep, sketched at the left, indicates its waistline by inset points of self material over the hips, is unbelted and is almost knee length. With it is worn a gilet of blue and beige crepe. The skirt narrows slightly toward the hem.

THE recent openings have given a prominent place to the tailleur whose one-toned coat is worn over a plaid skirt. Sketched at the right is a coat of bright red Perline, with skirt of the same fabric in gray, white and red plaid. The body of the coat has no waistline indicated, but hangs straight, and moderately full from the shoulders. The front opening is a bias line starting low on one shoulder, fastened with large steel buttons, and the coat is cut longer at the sides and back than in the front. The use of the bell sleeve is particularly good in this model. The one-piece skirt is mediumly wide and hangs straight from the waistline.

result of conversations between Baron Shidehara, the Japanese ambassador, and Mr. Hughes, this matter was virtually settled before the arms conference was called, and a treaty was drawn up while the conference was still in session. Under the terms of this treaty Japan retains the mandate over Yap and other islands in the Pacific north of the equator, but the United States gains all the cable and other rights for which she had originally contended.

Cuba Also Dealt With.
Cuba presented another of the perplexing tangles. Mr. Hughes, through Maj. Gen. Enoch H. Crowder, inaugurated a policy which brought about an amicable settlement of bitter political disputes and did much to restore sound economic conditions in Cuba.

By inviting Peru and Chile to a conference in Washington for discussion of the so-called Tacna-Arica dispute, Mr. Hughes apparently has taken a long step toward settling one of the most serious controversies with which Latin-America has ever had to deal.

All these achievements have naturally been overshadowed by the work of the arms conference which recently came to a close.

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MARYLAND MAY END PRIVILEGES WOMEN ENJOY

Senator Offers Bill to Put Husband on Same Footing As Wives.

ANNAPOLIS, March 9.—Reform with a Big R received a new recruit yesterday when Senator B. W. Fox, of the Fourth legislative district of Baltimore city, introduced a bill in the Senate which proposes constitutional amendments to place the men of Maryland upon an equal footing with their wives. Its title declares it is for "equal rights for men."

Under the proposed amendments a wife would have equal responsibility with her husband for contributing to the support of the family, the share of the family finances that each should contribute being set according to the best arithmetical practices at one-half, and each of a married couple

would have equal responsibility for the support of the other. One provision which runs counter to the words of the marriage ceremony upon the joint ownership of "worldly goods" is that which makes the appropriation by either party of the private funds of the other a form of larceny. There is no special mention of "pocket money"—particularly trousers-pocket money.

Senator Fox refused to explain the meaning or purpose of his bill, which gave the senate a good laugh, but which, somehow, did not draw smiles from the Just Government League's lobbyists, who are here in interest of their "equal rights" bill, which is in senate committee.

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FRAUD DISCLOSED IN WEST

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 9.—Startling disclosures which in the opinion of investigators may lead to a national scandal were believed likely today to develop in connection with a probe of an alleged conspiracy to defraud the government out of approximately \$50,000 in a sale of army goods at San Diego.

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